

REMARKS

SUMMARY

Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 are now in the application. Claims 16-19 have been added, but are based in substantial part upon the originally filed claims 12-15. Claims 1-15 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and when necessary to clarify the claims.

The above-noted changes to the claims are provided solely for clarification or cosmetic reasons. The changes are neither provided to overcome the prior art, nor do they narrow the scope of the claim for any reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent.

Please note that the application claims priority to Irish Application No.S2003/0235, filed March 31, 2003, the International Priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119, and International Application No. PCT/IE2004/000051, filed March 31, 2004, the Priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

No new matter is believed to be introduced by the amendments to either the claims or the specification.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, consideration and allowance of claims 1-19 is solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present paper, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 407-1509. If any fees are due in connection with filing this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt, P.C., No. 50-0393.

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